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MINERALS PROGRAM
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June 23, 1989

Mr. Jay Bosshardt
Treasurer
Redmond Clay & Salt Company, Inc.
370 South State Street
Redmond, Utah 84652

Dear Mr. Bosshardt:

Re: Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, RCS South Salt Mine and RCS Bentonite Mine, S/039/002, Sanpete and Sevier Counties, Utah

On May 25, 1989, the Division received a memo from you returning a copy of an application form we had forwarded to you by letter dated May 18, 1989. You indicated in your memo that FORM MR-LMO, Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations, did not apply to Redmond Clay & Salt Company, Incorporated's current mining operations. You stated that you have been extracting salt and bentonite from private property for the past 29 years. You requested that we forward a copy of the state regulations and forms which would apply to your mining operations.

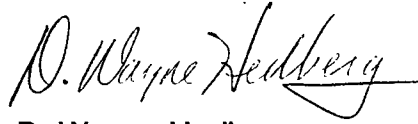
I have enclosed a copy of our recently revised regulations and the Mined Land Reclamation Act, (Title 40-8) which governs mining activity within the state of Utah. This law applies to all mining operations except sand/gravel and rock aggregate, and requires reclamation of the lands affected. The Act became effective on May 14, 1975. All mining operations which were active, or that proposed to continue mining activities beyond the effective date of the law, were to have filed a mining and reclamation plan with the State Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, no later than July 1, 1977. The law applies to all lands within the state, including state, federal and privately owned lands (see Title 40-8-5(1) and 40-8-20).

On May 3, 1989 we received two (2) small mining operation applications from you for the RCS South Salt Mine and RCS Bentonite Mine. We indicated to you in our May 18th letter, that the Division could not permit both of these operations separately. Both operations are controlled and operated by Redmond Clay & Salt Company, and are located within close proximity of each other. The total surface disturbance for both mines is listed as seven (7) acres. This exceeds the five (5) acre threshold for a small mining operation. Consequently, you were forwarded a copy of an application form for a large mining operation. This application is for operations that exceed five (5) acres of surface disturbance. We indicated to you that if you could contemporaneously reclaim a portion (@2 acres) of the existing surface disturbances associated with the mines, then a small mining operation permit application would apply.

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The Division would like to schedule an onsite field inspection of your mine sites to confirm and/or re-evaluate our initial determination. We can further discuss permitting requirements at that time. Please contact me at your earliest convenience to arrange for an onsite visit. Thank you for your cooperation and interest in completing this permitting action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Wayne Hedberg". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

D. Wayne Hedberg
Senior Reclamation Specialist/
Hydrologist

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Attachments
cc: Lowell Braxton
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